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1. The former Hermann Goering Werke, now known as the Kedzierzyn Plant, is, according to available information, the largest chemical plant in Poland. This plant is located in a completely forested area and occupies a tract of 20 square km. It is about 4 km. by rail from the town of Kedzierzyn (Heydebreck) to the nitrogen plant, about 2.5 km. through the forest, and about 5.5 km. via the highway. The plant is located along the railroad track which runs in the direction of Raciborz (Ratibor) and along the highway which runs in the direction of Gliwice (Gleiwitz). Beside the nitrogen plant are the villages of Stare Kozle (Alt Cosel) and Bierawa. The entire nitrogen plant area is fenced off by a high palisade of netting and barbed wire, and in places, by a triple fence. Movement from one factory to another is closely watched by the plant police, and even a worker cannot pass from one area to another without a pass.
2. There are a number of entries into the nitrogen plant, and at each entrance there is a guard post and armed policemen. Within the plant there is a UB (Security Police) and MO (Citizens' Militia) post and around the plant, at intervals of about 200 m., there are watchtowers in each of which is posted a guard armed with a machine gun and equipped with a spotlight.
3. The plant is active for three shifts a day and employs about 5,000 workers. Every nitrogen plant worker must be registered with the UB. A number of Soviet engineers are employed in the plant, and it is often visited by Soviet delegations. Synthetic rubber is also produced there.

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4. The factories themselves are about 50 percent demolished, but the Russians brought in a great number of machines during 1945. Up to 1950 about 20 percent of the war damage had been repaired, and the complete reconstruction was planned by the Six Year Plan. About ten different firms are working on the reconstruction.
5. There is a railroad spur inside the nitrogen plant, and there are about 400 youths of the SP (Service to Poland) working on the reconstruction. Within the plant area there is a camp for the SP youths, an athletic field, a movie, a theater, a large cafeteria, and a hotel.

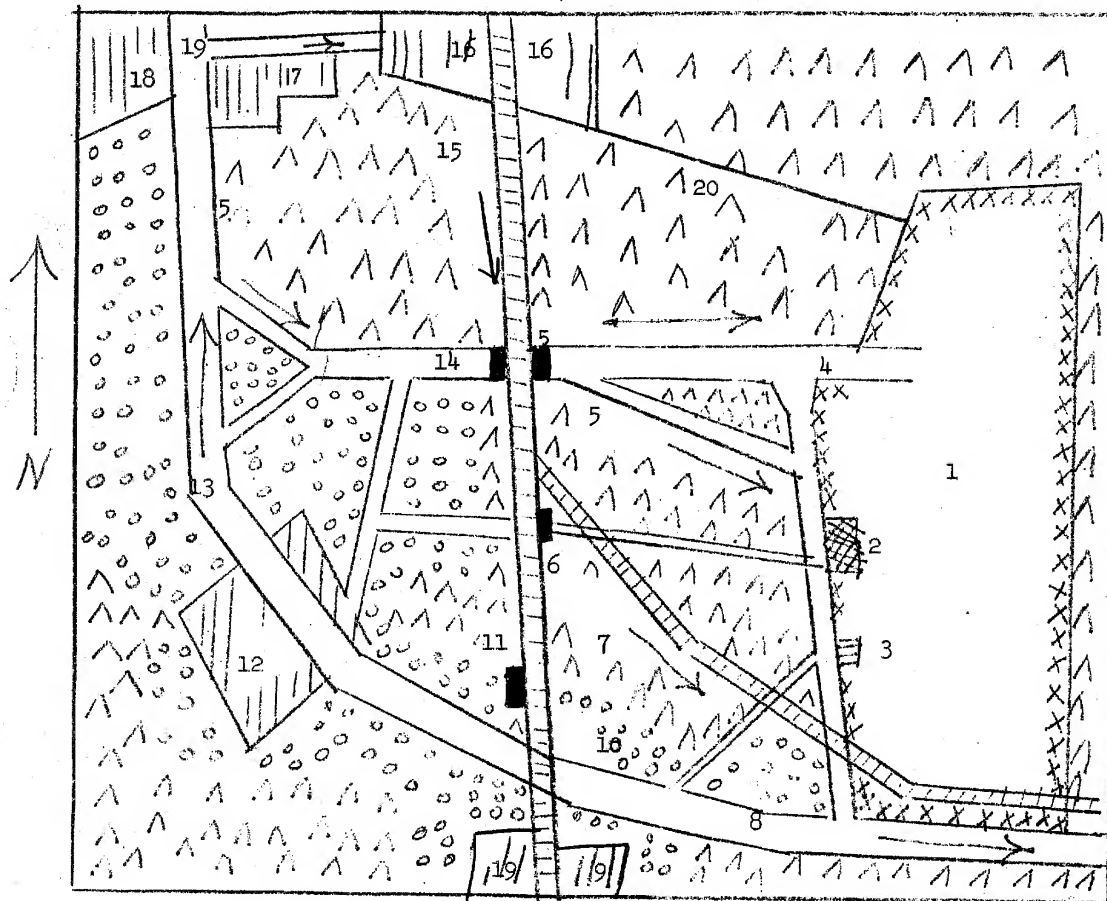
Legend to Attached Map Sketch

1. Kedzierzyn nitrogen plant
2. Plant sports field
3. Main gate
4. Side gate
5. Highways to the plant
6. Nitrogen plant stop of the Kedzierzyn railroad
7. Spur line to the nitrogen plant
8. Highway to Gliwice (40 km.)
9. Bierawa, a village
10. Railroad switch
11. Bierawa railroad station
12. Stare Kozle, a village
13. Highway in the direction of Kedzierzyn and Kozle
14. Tunnel under the railroad tracks
15. Railroad tracks in the direction of Raciborz
16. Kedzierzyn
17. Kedzierzyn settlement (Kolonia Kedzierzyn)
18. Co-op (Kolkhoz)
19. Highway to Kedzierzyn
- xxx Restricted area
- ooo Fields and meadows
- AAA Wooded area

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Attachment I



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